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GAMING DEVICE WITH WILD ACTIVATION SYMBOLS AND WILD

TERMINATION SYMBOLS

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application relates to the following co-pending commonly owned patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING TRANSFORMABLE WILD SYMBOLS OR CARDS WITH WILD SIGNAL INDICATORS," Serial No. 09/957,305, Attorney Docket No. 112300-734; and "GAMING DEVICE HAVING WILD INDICATORS," Serial No. 09/960,883, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-738.